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Mrs. Voorhees and Mrs. Bonner

Mrs. Voorhees and Mrs. Bonner are sisters of Mr. Hall. Mrs. Voorhees lives in Jersey City and Mrs. Bonner lives in New York City. On Friday, September 15th, about 8:30 in the morning, Mrs. Voorhees had a telephone call from Mrs. Hall saying that Mr. Hall had not been home the night before and she had had no word of any kind regarding him. Mrs. Voorhees told Mrs. Hall she would come right down to New Brunswick and then arranged with Mrs. Bonner to do so. Mrs. Voorhees met Mrs. Bonner at Newark, where she changed to get a New Brunswick train and they were both met at the station in New Brunswick by Mrs. Hall. The three ladies rode around for a while and learned from Mrs. Hall that Mrs. Mills was also missing, after which they stopped at the Mills' house on the way to the Hall house. Mrs. Hall rang the bell and James Mills came out and stood on the steps. Just what Mrs. Hall and he said, Mrs. Voorhees and Mrs. Bonner did not hear. After luncheon at Mrs. Hall's house, Mrs. Bonner suggested looking in Mr. Hall's check book to see if he had drawn any money. Mrs. Voorhees felt that something terrible had happened and told Mrs. Bonner so. Mrs. Bonner in turn said to Mrs. Hall, "Frankie (Mrs. Voorhees) thinks he must be dead or he would be home".

Mrs. Minna Clarke was around the front of the house and also around the back of the house from time to time on Friday and both Mrs. Voorhees and Mrs. Bonner noticed her and asked who she was. Frances Voorhees, the daughter of Mrs. Voorhees was visiting Mrs. Hall at the time, having been brought there, Wednesday, September 13th, by her mother. She was taken back to Jersey City by Mrs. Voorhees on Friday, the 15th. The child Frances, remembers that Mrs. Hall came up-stairs and heard her prayers about 9:30 P. M., September 14th. Both Mrs. Bonner and Mrs. Voorhees thought that Mrs. Hall had already called the hospitals and the police and told them so when they arrived Friday morning. They did not know what to do. It was an unusual situation, they were three women together and, accordingly, Mrs. Bonner suggested that they telephone for a lawyer and so Mr. Florence was called. Mrs. Bonner had previously met Mr. Florence at the opera where he had seats behind her and she had been introduced to Mr. Florence by her brother, Mr. Hall, at that place. Mr. Florence suggested that it was either a suicide or some other woman. Mrs. Hall, Sr. lived at a boarding house in New Brunswick and had lived there since the marriage of her son and Frances Stevens (Mrs. Hall). She returned to Jersey City with Mrs. Voorhees and the daughter, Frances, on Friday afternoon and Mrs. Bonner also went back to New York on Friday afternoon or evening. Mrs. Bonner remembers that particularly, because on Saturday morning she had to meet two maids who were returning on a boat from Europe. After she had met the boat and sent the maids a note, she went back to her apartment and there was notified by Mrs. Voorhees of the death of Mr. Hall, Mrs. Voorhees having received the message from Mrs. Edwin Carpender. Mrs. Bonner went back to New Brunswick Saturday afternoon and on Sunday evening, Mrs. Voorhees returned, bringing Mrs. Hall, Sr. with her, she having insisted upon coming. While Mrs. Bonner and Mrs. Voorhees were there during the period in question, that is September 14th to 17th, Willie Stevens was normal. Sometime Saturday afternoon, the 16th, Mrs. Charles Carpender told Willie of the death. He dropped a newspaper which he was

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reading and began to cry. About February 6th, 1923, Mrs. Hall was in Italy with Miss Sallie Peters for about a month, then she spent some time with a Mrs. Thayer in England and finally returned to Italy. She was abroad fifteen months at that time. In July, 1924, she again went abroad, spending nine months in Italy with Mrs. Bonner and returned in April 1925 to New Brunswick. Between the two trips, Mrs. Hall stayed in New Brunswick and New York and after she returned in 1925, she had an apartment in New Brunswick until the renovation of her house was completed in the Spring of 1926. During Mrs. Hall's absence in Europe, Willie Stevens spent his time boarding in New Brunswick or at St. Petersburg, Florida or at Bayhead, New Jersey. When Mrs. Hall's mother, Mrs. Stevens died, Mrs. Edwin Carpender sent Mrs. Hall's clothes to Bornot in Philadelpia to be dyed. When Mr. Hall died, Mrs. Bearman sent Mrs. Hall's clothes to the same place to be dyed.